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If our friends who favor us with manuscripts and the World: Unistrations for publication wish to have rejected articles recurred they must in all cases send stamps twentieth century methods in dealing with

Revenue Producers.

The remark about "free trade" in this ist rather than a Dry authorship:

To THE Employ OF THE SUS - Sec. In all the talk about the high cost of living I have not heard one voice staised against the high cost of beer or whiskey. Why doesn't somebody suggest beer at 3 cents men who voted for free or freer trade at in the cost of food. "NEW YORK, April 15.

No soldier in the grand army of the Wets dreams of three cent beer, though travellers tell us that the Hon. HINKY DINK, Chicago's badiant statesman and sociologist, peddies that airy child of mait and hops at various cut prices and even permits two clients to divide the contents of a frugal glass. Doubtless similar reductions may be found by the seeker in this all including town. As to five and ten cent whiskey, observers and collectors, exterior to this office, need it be said, relate that there is plenty of both, that the ten cent is often better than the fifteen; and that two cent whiskey may be had by enthusiasts who like an energetic acid and had rather etch than titillate their insides.

These vulgar details done, it is permitted to say to the reproach of multitudes that alcohol is a luxury which they will not deny themselves. The harder the times the vaster the ocean of gin in London. The drunkard has aye a penny for the drink, a Scots proverb says in effect. And to many millions of moderates beer drinking or whiskey drinking may be an unconscious, instinctive action, hardly more noticeable than breathing. If there is a struggle between other cost of living and the cost of drinking, it is not the latter that will lose usually

wicked, yet let not the good too much greatly increased. And he is trans-should be satisfied quite as certainly as exalt the horn. The millions of smokers lating this idea into energetic action, the desire to hear opera at cheap prices. holy herb nicotian as anything else do well to emulate. worthy brethren of the Order of Raleigh had rather smoke than eat.

Nor must the ribald or serious "R' forget the economic utility of smoke from fermented liquors \$63,268,770, from tobacco \$70,590,161. These delights of palate and nostril brought the Government \$290,250,108; the customs receipts Were only \$311,321,672.

The drinkers and smokers are precious oherished, if with unequal affection.

Portents in Cuba.

a special policeman and supporter of sections.
the dead Mayor. As "Chichi" was a The Sun has repeatedly emphasized Where Are the Consumer's Friends? FERRARA and concerned with him in first and highest prerogative and duty the Liberal organ La Noche of Havana administration in a nonpartisan way. announced irresponsibly that "a revolution has been decreed."

The feud between the Conservatives eral MENOCAL is about to take office. the British Government. Mrs. PANK- House's delicate consideration for the The Conservative President, a veteran of the revolution of 1895-98 and a man LAS wants Scutari. "No surrender" is farmer. of resolute character, might be able to cope with the Liberal conspirators, who even now are plotting a revolution, but On the other hand, the Powers are just of foods, food cattle and food products the graver problem is how he shall govern Cuba with an empty treasury. On work done on public contracts alone there are obligations of \$3,000,000 to liquidate, and in addition \$1,000,000 is due for awards arising out of expropriations of lands. Money to pay these awards was available some time ago, but it has been diverted to other purposes that are not of record. With depleted treasury President GOMEZ

extreme lengths.

s so ally elected President in office. If of disciplining it than by organizing manufacturers. The farmers must be keeping of others. 75 MARIO MENOCAL cannot govern Cuba a blockade of the Montenegrin coast "protected." Yet, as has been argued him well.

Another Emancipation.

170 Nassau street, Secretary, C. E. Luxion, 170 of the International Harvester Company the fact is indicated by the statement of London office, Effingham House, I Arunder offences of the corporation against the JAGOW, on Monday, when he told the They were conservatively stated by had "lost its acuteness." JOHN GOLDEN, international president | Unless King Nicholas is less shrewd of the United States Textile Workers of than we give him credit for being he those same taxpayers pay.

"If the Harvester company had followed when he thinks that the time is ripe. its employees the mills would be running to-day. The company's attitude has been letter seems to argue a high protection- Auburn, the State Board of Mediation and in all probability result in a series of Arbitration and the American people. mising will

the last Presidential election spend more justice, so ignorantly opposed to putting in the past. That the interest of the for beer or something stronger every day heart into government, so recreant to local public seems to some observers of than any increase which has taken place the dictates of progress as to refrain the situation concentrated on the same this monstrous criminal?

The Public Health Commission.

direction were as yet only partially be indispensable. been proved in this city.

by controlling these infectious diseases agers in their enterprise. but by creating increased interest in the It will be an effort to make opera who don't drink: do they regard the which the Legislature at Albany would Recently there have been newer theories

of at least ten years experience in the ERN, although they devote their talents women. actual practice of his profession, and of altogether to this poet's genius, have health work." The latter clause aroused ments in the mounting of SHAKESPEARE'S well merited opposition, since a layman dramas. They put him on the stage in duties of a Commissioner of Health.

as revenue producers. So let them be last January THE SUN commented fa- field has shown him to a certain degree vorably upon Governor Sulzer's wise sensitive to the ideas that are adding and vigorous action and dwelt upon the fresh beauty and reason to the procrying need of abandoning the present duction of the Shakespearian theatre The facility with which Cuban poli- guerrilla warfare against disease and abroad. But there is more to be acticians are being exterminated augurs death, and urged the adoption in its complished in this direction than the ill for the administration of General stead of a systematic marshalling of all capital of an individual can well afford. MARIO MENOCAL, who will become the scattered county and village forces The City Club might well organize an-President of the republic on May 20, under a central command. Giving as other committee to investigate the possi-An ex-policeman at Cienfuegos, obvi- a reason the momentous questions in- bility of producing some of the Shakeously hired for the purpose, shoots volved, we advocated supreme power spearian plays during a part of the bave been typewritten into it, with a facstmile other moment he is after him like mad, sometime down Senor Menendez, a Conservative for the Health Commissioner over all next season at the Century Theatre with "the best Mayor" that lawless town ever independent activities now controlled sufficient financial backing and the ashad, and a few days later his politi- by local interests. It is gratifying to surance of no personal loss in spite of might have been such letter's value. cal rival. Jose Fernandez, a Liberal, note that this idea is the keynote of the cheapness of the theatre's schedule known as "Chichi," is riddled with bul- the Health Commission's report to the and the liberality with which the plays lets in a café by Eustaquio Ordonez. Governor, as elaborated in its first six are to be mounted.

friend and ally of Speaker ORESTES the truth that health conservation is the defend themselves. In its next issue into laws that may enforce their strict

as anxious to prevent the suicide of on the free list, the experiment is a present course.

The Powers are really in the same sort greatest good of the greatest number seems to be bent upon letting the im-of quandary as Mr. McKenna. De-should be consulted.

spirators will hardly dare to go to such littely necessary for the sake of inter-lit amounts to anything or not, has been national peace that it should be disci- cut down by the bill.

some method in his madness. He is a as good friends of the farmer? wily diplomat, and the longer he thinks that he can hold out the more compen-Not alone the city of Auburn, but the sation will be be likely to get when the State of New York and the United States final settlement is made. King Nicholas Susan Howling Horse, an old native deserve congratulation on the decision is bluffing, and that Europe recognizes American whose name is on the Governto remove its twine mill to Europe. The the German Foreign Minister, Herr von public well being have been notorious. Reichstag that the question of Scutari

will yield gracefully to friendly pressure

The City Club's Other Chance.

The interest of the City Club in popuarrogant and unjust, not only toward its lar opera, which may be taken to mean employees but toward the citizens of opera at so-called popular prices, will The representations at the Century Theatre. people of Auburn would be better off with. Whether or not there exists a demand out an industry that will only consent to for the sort of opera which the comremain on the stipulation that every one mittee proposes to present to the New must bow to its unbending and uncompro- York public next fall will be determined by the event of the new experiment. Will the reformers get so far as to make a glass or whiskey at 5 or 16 cents? Many | Can there be in this country a person | The promoters of the plan are undisso heedless of the demands of social mayed by the fate of such enterprises tical terms? from rejoicing at the expatriation of works and the same interpreters simultaneously is not sufficient reason for declaring the experiment unnecessary It may be possible to divert the oper-Although New York appeared to be atic sympathies of the public from the abreast of other progressive communi- Metropolitan Opera House, its prestige ties in the Union in the matter of health and its famous singers, provided the legislation, Governor SULZER clearly City Club succeeds in raising the large saw that "large opportunities in this capital which it has wisely decided to

utilized in this State." He recognized. The experiment is to be encouraged in the urgency of these problems of health any case. Its success ought to turn the conservation by appointing ten days thoughts of the philanthropic and arafter his inauguration a commission of tistic committee of the City Club in experts in practical sanitation "to collect" other directions of a similar nature. It facts, receive suggestions and make is not quite clear, for instance, why only recommendations as to changes in the music drama should be encouraged in public health laws and their administra- such a generous way. There would be tion." The Governor is convinced that an an equally important field for the supefficient control of preventable diseases port of certain phases of dramatic art other than tuberculosis would save the in this city. There are plays which it is people of the State at least \$10,000,000, certain that commercial managers will and that the 14,000 deaths from tubercu- rarely touch. Actors are occasionally led losis may be greatly reduced, as well through their ambitions to produce the as the enormous infantile mortality; and plays of SHAKESPEARE, but it rarely the correctness of his conviction has happens that managers are led to revive one of the plays of this author. Miss The Governor's demand for an early Marlowe and Mr. Sothern, Miss Rusreport of the Health Commission de- SELL and Mr. FAVERSHAM have recently notes his appreciation of the urgent brought out plays of Shakespeare, but need of immediate action. Not alone they have not the support of any man-

subject of public health, writes Governor popular, while the drama is already efficiency and productivity can be of the language adequately performed and more artistic practices as to the * * shall be a physician, a gradu- who give the American public its Shakewould obviously be unfitted for all the the most conventional fashion of the prove by so doing that they have the wisdom ordinary stage manager.

When this commission was appointed Mr. FAVERSHAM's first effort in this

Efforts in the Democratic caucus of the House to overthrow divers absurdithe "revolution of 1906," which, although of a government. The State is to be ties and inconsistencies in the agriculbloodless, brought an army of 5,000 felicitated upon the action of the Gov- tural schedules of the tariff bill fail regu-American regulars to Cuba, it is quite ernor in this most vital matter. It re- larly. It is not to be regretted that natural for FERRARA, fire eater and mains for the Legislature to enact the they do. The discipline of the caucus duellist, to exclaim that the Liberals recommendations of this nonpartisan must be maintained. On the floor of are marked for slaughter and must and public spirited Health Commission the House those matters, possibly of no small import to Democratic prosperity, can be and should be discussed. It expedites business to carry out for the and Francesca for all I know, but I call them Militant Montenegro.

King Nicholas of Montenegro is visional programme. Perhaps, judging programme applied by the company to the Powers are most company t

> the slogan of both, and both express a Whether or not the cost of food would desire to make martyrs of themselves, be reduced by putting all raw material Montenegro as the British Government worth making. Does it pay to make is to prevent that of Mrs. PANKHURST. it halfheartedly, with one eye on the At the same time, if the peace of Europe groaning consumer and one on the is to be preserved it is impossible for farmer? This is said in no spirit of King Nicholas to be allowed to grab carping criticism. Mr. UNDERWOOD Scutari, and if peace in England is to be and his associates are hardly to be restored it is impossible for Mrs. PANK- blamed if they are dupes of an old and HURST to be allowed to continue in her still vital tradition that the farmers are to be dreaded and favored. Still, the

Malecon from San Lazaro to Chorrera Europe that Scutari can never be hers. free list; not to put swine on the free list, and saddling the new administration Montenegro continues doggedly to be- and even to refuse to cut the Underwood with still another million dollars of siege the city and to issue burning proc- duty on swine in half; to make flour It is evidently the purpose of lamations about her glorious past and free and tax imported wheat 10 cents the Liberal party to stick at nothing to her readiness to perish rather than a bushel; to tax rye, oats, barley, but clio his word list out and paste it in his favorite discredit General MENOCAL and ruin yield. No State in Europe is more re- ter, cheese; this is to be between the dictionary.) his administration. Indeed, the threats spected for its past traditions and for devil and the deep sea, to disappoint the to prevent his inauguration by force the gallant display it has made in the majority and yet to leave the farmer unare not altogether idle, but the con- late war than Montenegro; but it is abso- satisfied because his protection, whether

Intervention by us would end logi- plined, and the Powers have so far been. There has been a beautiful simulacally in establishing the constitution-lable to discover no more effective means ition of wrath against the protected successfully no other man has the ca-that is as futile a corrective as a prison sarcastically in the caucus, if the Demopacity and character to do it. He is term imposed on an English militant. | crats lop, for instance, the duty on barthe hope of Free Cuba, and that is why King Nicholas, however, differs ley from thirty cents to fifteen cents a an act or series of acts is judged accordthe United States Government wishes from Mrs. PANKHURST in that there is bushel, are not the Republicans twice

The consumer has no friends

On mere grounds of nomenclature ment rolls, should be an effective Pank

While most of the taxpayers are quench ing their thirst with city water the employees in the Finance Department swig an expensive bottled beverage, for which

There has been friction in the Irvington school board, and the new schoolhouse, just completed at a cost of \$200,000, is being criticised by taxpayers. Three of the ceilings have fallen and it is feared tha more will come down. The Sun's news

of course, to be deprecated; but it does look as if there might be structural defects in the new Irvington schoolhouse "Larboard" gave way to "port," and planted by plain landlubberly "left" and

"right." So fades the romance of the sea.

"downstairs" and "upstairs" proper nau-Efficient, honest postmasters now office are to serve their terms. "My department will be run on business lines and not on politics," says Postmaster-General BURLESON. More power to his elbow and all honor to President Wulson and himself! The Post Office Department run for

The British militants peg away at their stale "demonstration" of burning empty houses. Isn't it enough to be a nuisance without being a bore?

such as living men have not seen

business, not politics, will be a wonder

It does not appear that home producave benefited to any extent by the tariff, ut only the middlemen; and the lack of reward for farm labor has been factor in reducing the home production. Mobile Register

Then why not make the whole "market pasket" free?

I am fully persuaded that we have jus egun to develop the right kind of educaion - Dr. CHARLES WILLIAM ELIOT. Well, it's about time.

The old fashioned woman who used to ut fresh straw under the parlor carpet very spring-where is she?-Birminghan

Age-Herald. She has rugs in her house, or if she has "bases" them on copies of the so-called Congressional Record

Women's Rights and Women's Wrongs. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. I am strong believer in women's rights, but no n women's wrongs. I hope to see them vote in all our States some day.

SULZER, the average of physical vigor, popular. The taste for the best plays of England have set back their cause for To think our fair women threaten to boycott the stores on Fifth avenue because some have not favored their having a parade on that avenue!

I fear our American women have started to ride down hill on a At the public hearing on the health manner of putting the dramas of SHAKE- in this that they will break down what they With our English sisters I fear of reform, spasms of economy, sporadic bill last week time was wasted in dis-speake on the stage. They have not hope to build up. Men would be looked cussing the words "Such commissioner as yet been appreciated by the actors on with contempt if they should resort to as men, they must act like men. For women ate of an incorporated medical college speare. Miss Marlowe and Mr. Soth- to be respected they must act like true I have no interest in the stores on Fifth

and drink. Last year the internal skill and experience in public health so far shown no influence whatever of women's rights; and if they would go at it duties and sanitary science, or a person the foreign pioneers who are making in the right way they would get them, but who is a recognized authority in public such interesting and successful experi- we can never drive people to respect us. would not be manly. Can it be womanly? I hope our women will move wisely, to help run the nation. They have if the think they lack in love for home and native Rev. J. W. TAMBLYN NEW BRIGHTON, April 15.

On Various Sorts of Signatures. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SO: days of the typewriter, and goodness knows we could not do without it, the signature may make

written letter with a rubber stamped or a printed facelimite signature I am ant to pay it scant at backward as far as he can, and then turn and retention: I know that I am only one of thousands. The other boy has to turn back to get his cap similarly addressed, and though my name may which gives the runner a good start, but in an before they are sent out. 30 per cent. of whatever off his has seems to like it

has been composed with care, and which is filled | try boys alike, and they all seem to find in it great in with care and accuracy, and which has then n actually signed by the sender, why, that I may know that the signer has sent out hun- later, grown up human life does it foreshadow? dreds or thousands of these letters, and I know

that he could not by any possibility himself have written all of them, and yet by personally signing each one he gives to each a direct personal ap In other words, by his personal signatur he vitalizes and individualizes every letter BROOKLYN, April 15. C.

Two Young Lovers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I have been watching youth in all its bilarity and boisterous ness just outside my back window. Two young lovers have been furnishing a house under the They may address each other as Paole and Liberals is not, however, the worst rapidly becoming to the Powers as much by many past comedies of the kind, the eyes and light hearts and a voluminous conversa. aspect of the political situation as Gen- of a problem as Mrs. PANKHURST is to Senate may be expected to correct the tion which I wish I could understand. They are making a nice little house for themselves are not furnishing on the instalment plan. HURST wants the vote and King Nicho- sacred and not enough to be privileged steal their furniture wherever they can find it and chortie over every stick they bring home They are madly in love and deliriously without a thought being necessary for money or dress. If that isn't perfect bliss and a sight to hasten convalescence I don't know what t BROOKLYN, April 15.

The Penance of the Pipe.

The most virulent bacilli cannot survive contac ith tobacco smoke .- Medical note. You ask me not to smoke, my dear, And say I really shouldn't I hate the very smell, my dear. loathe the nasty taste

And I know very well, my dear, It is an awful waste, But I must spend some wealth, my dear, These deadly germs to bar So just to save your health, my dear. Pass the tobacco jar!

LA TOUCHE HANCOCK

abridged Bictionary. Any reader of THE SEN who wants

SOME NEW DEFINITIONS.

CANDOR, n. The discussion of obscure and difficult problems in public and private by persons knowing little or nothing about them. Synonyms presumption, im-

pudence, nastiness. UPLIFT, n. The process or art of convincing men and women that their moral, mental and physical well being is in the

SOCIALJUSTICE, n. A condition of society in which the rule of equality before the law does not exist, being superseded by a system in which the correctness of ing to the state of the judge's liver, the atmospheric pressure, the quality of this morning's coffee or the quantity of al-

TEMPERANCE, n. - An appropriate thing States to approve. GAMBLING, n. One form of debauchery

diplomats should shun. HEART, n. The successor of wisdom in he administration of public affairs.

LAW, n. Something to prevent some body from doing something. ECONOMY, n. - (politics) The expenditure of public moneys for the benefit of our damned scoundrels.

Wastefulness $\mid n$.—The expenditure EXTRAVAGANCE | of public moneys for PRODIGALITY the benefit of the other ellows' damned scoundrels. The habit of criticism in taxpavers is.

LITERACY, n. - The accomplishment first be rescued from a burning building

STATISTICS, n.-When compiled by our selves, the final proof of our own virtue; when compiled by others to our confusion. a meaningless jumble of arbitrary and misleading symbols DEVOTIONTOTHEPUBLICWEAL, n.-Our

efforts to get public office. SCRAMBLEPOROPFICE n - Anybody else forts to get public office.

HIGHDUTY, n.-Our acceptance of pay from the public treasury. Pik. n.—Another man's acceptance of

av from the public treasury. INTELLIGENCE, n.—That quality eads others to support us

BENIGHTEDNESS, n.—The absence of inelligence. PRECEDENT, n .- Anything proving that thers have done what we want to do. FOOLISHPRACTICE, n. - Anything prov-

ing that others have not done what we Constitution, n.-Something on which o hang amendments.

AMENDMENT, n. Proof of the ignorance of our predecessors. STATUTE, n .- (as used in twentieth entury) A monument to gullibility MINIMUMWAGE, n.-A jest based on a

rious subject. HOAX, n.-A political platform DIRECTPRIMARIES, n.—A system of government extremely popular among hose who know little about it.

CABARET, n.-The wine agent's best friend. GRATITUDE, n.-An extinct bird, fornerly much esteemed, but now recog-

nized as economically inefficient. Efficiency, n.-A boon to paper manufacturers and printers.

Parasite, n.-Anybody who makes a iving by means we don't understand. ONESTEP, n.-The name given to the Furkey Trot in suburban dancing classes. TURKEYTROT, n.-A dance (manuscript llegible).

The Duty on Umbrellas and Parasols.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In behalf of the tariff ridden people of the United States I beg leave to call to the attenion of the secretary of the American Association of the Secretary of the American Asso-ciation of the Umbrella and Parasol Manu-facturers the following: In his letter to THE SUN he says that the proposed new tariff bill imposes a duty of 30 per cent. on capitalizable value of the special privilege the finished product and a duty of 45 per cent, on the materials for covering the

of parasols and umbrellas want to use the mported material? Why does he not the home manufactured covering? Here s a proposed duty of 45 per cent, to protect the American producer of the material, and yet the user of the material evidently does It seems to be true that regardless of the

workman the finished product does not Dante cartoon in your Sunday edition realways compare favorably with the imported ARLINGTON, N. J., April 15.

General Hancock Vindicated.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: being demonstrated again that the abused ieneral W. S. Hancock could have cor sistently gone even further when he delared the tariff to be a local issue FELIX FILKINS. FORT PLAIN, April 15.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: It is a com-mon thing to see one of two small boys at play suddenly grab off the other boy's cap, throw it signature, it has no really personal touch. To my goodhumoredly, but more often angrily, and the notion the stamped or printed signature cuts off. angrier he is the better the boy who has grabbed

This grabbing off of other boys' hats is some But now if I get a typewritten or an imitation thing that boys everywhere have always done typewritten letter or circular letter that evidently and which they are still doing, city boys and counfun. Why do boys find sport in this, what cha acteristic of the previous animal stage BOSTON, April 14.

Compliments to a Doubter. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I was rather ilsappointed that Mr. Ficklen in his letter yesterday made no mention of Lady Smith's case, particulars of which I recently gave in THE SUN and which I think one of the best authenti-

cated on record. ated on record.

The Didymus of old was at least frank in his
cknowledgment upon "proof" being given.

If Mr. Fickien is not a lawyer he has evidently pissed his calling, as he would doubtless stand out for "strict proof" in court, and it would seen ne must be of the Scotchman's turn of mind, who admit naething.

ARLINGTON, N. J., April 15. Crowded Flatbush Schools

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The public chools of Flatbush are so overcrowded as to make it necessary for over 2,000 children to be on part time. The Platbush Taxpayers Association decided upon the recommendation of the school committee to begin a campaign to secure three new school sites and buildings so located as to relieve the present congestion. A majority the classrooms have over forty members and quite a few nearly sixty. It is about time the authorities should do something. FLATBUSH, April 15.

Money and the Man.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I once heard a rich man say: "I cannot afford to know poor people." On another occasion I heard a poor man say: "What's the use of having friends unless you can make use of them?" One of these remarks connotes the other NEW YORK, April 13.

The Puzzle. Knicker-What do you think of the plan of the

new court house?

Bocker—It looks like several tiers of pigs in

IMITATIVE ARTISTS.

Supplement to Everyman's Un- Does This Country Come In at the End of Every Movement?

> TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: After reading the very amusing "Cubists Bur-lesqued" I am wondering if the artists who took part in it have really "caught on." Some years ago I was in Venice, and as there was an art show on I had to take it in. I went in some trepidation, thinking to find an exhibition such as had seen in Monte Carlo, but was agre ably surprised. Here was a magnificen exhibition of thoroughly "up to date" mod All nations were represented and ern art. some of them had their own buildings Even the English made a good showing though the best works were all either Irish

After wandering about the show for som time I came upon the American contingent and this was a disappointment. The pic tures looked dingy. There was an indif-ferent Sargent, a picture by Henri that might have looked well somewhere else; and coholic liquor consumed on the previous a number of imitations of men who had long by Kenyon Cox dated 1888, and the whole show looked 1888. And there was not a pic for the Secretary of State of the United ture in the room sold, while the rest of the exhibition was plastered with sales tags. Some years ago, when the Salon des Inde-pendants was first started, one of the first

exhibitors was the now famous Rousseau. His picture was the "clou" of the exhibition. It was made a toke of and attracted crowds. To be sure, the joke was a bit stupid since Rousseau was pretty nearly an idiot; but the laugh went on till some German dealers, attracted by the advertisement, began to buy his things and call for more, and then omehow the laugh was a little twisted. There was nothing left but to take it seriously and produce the things to supply the market.

No doubt we shall have imitation Cubists and Futurists just as we have had in the demanded in his rescuer by the about to | past unitation Corots and imitation Monets. ome of this laughter is likely to become Homeric, but it is just a little humiliating to find the United States coming in at the tail end of every movement GRUYERES, Switzerland, April 3.

Overtaxation.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The ormation of a new organization to combat event, and the part of its declaration of, principles which you publish is important as showing that Allan Robinson and his associates are learning to proclaim sound ideas on the taxation question. "Overtaxa-tion," they say, "is reflected either in increased rents or depreciation of capital value.

Sure enough; that is just what the advocates of higher taxes on land values have been asserting. The effect of high taxes on buildings is to increase rents; the effect of high taxes upon location values is not to affect rents, except possibly to reduce them, In his opinion he said: but to reduce the capital value of locations, such capital value in cities being based ing one wholly within the powers of Con-upon or largely upon the failure of the gress it had full power to restrict in any city government to require location owners way it chose the maintaining of such ac to pay in full for the services and advan-tages of government. When coffee is 20 concerned with the subject of infringement cents a pound the privilege of buying it of the rights secured by such statute. at that price has no value. But if when coffee is worth 20 cents I have a contract jurisdiction of the courts to entertain such or privilege of buying a million pounds at to cents a pound, I can capitalize my cinch tion were and show real value to him who would stand in my place. The land owners of New York city have the services and advantages of government for sale or rent court could not have jurisdiction. day by day and week by week. They can avail themselves of government, rent the opportunity to others or allow it to go to can case. The Times appealed from waste by non-use of locations. They pay Judge Lacombe's ruling and counsel for something like seventy million dollars a THE SUN filed a brief on the appeal in year in taxes on land values, not one cent which the first point raised was that year in taxes on land value, the complainant did not comply with of which falls upon the capitalizable value the complainant did not comply with of their property. This value is founded the copyright laws with reference to of their property. This value is founded upon what is left after the seventy millions

If no taxes at all were levied on land value here, other things being equal, the capitalizable value of city locations would be increased something like \$1,175,000,000. Hence cured by publication of the work and the new organization, if it really thinks our the notice of copyright "two complete citizens prefer immense selling values in copies of the best edition thereof then and and immense opportunity for bonding published" shall be deposited in the land values, should send to Albany a bill

of location owning in this city should be compiled with." people shall be able to borrow money on be very much less need of borrowing if the ty from year to year collected from locaion owners a larger part of what they should cheerfully pay. GEORGE WHITE.

"Who Was Dante, Anyhow?"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The minded me of the difficulties I had when I wanted the city to accept the Lorelei fountain designed by Ernst Herter of Berlin n commemoration of the German poet no authority to copyright the narrative Heinrich Heine. At a preliminary hearing in the City Hall I was asked, as the repre-

has been shamefully mutilated.

There was no art commission to pass now competent to judge of the merits of the work and of the poet who wrote the Divine They will not have to ask his Comedy. Italian admirers "Who was Dante, anyho

Louis WINDMULLER. NEW YORK, April 15.

devil was Heine, anyhow?"

Coney Island.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Coney Island merchants can blame only selves because of the decadence of the island as a summer resort, and the cause is the loaferism and lawlessness of Madri Gras an accounting be not such an action as week. Law, order and decency are decidedly necessary to bring the right kind of customers to a watering place or seaside The Arverne people do much beter with their celebrations than the Coney Island merchants. T. M. TERWILLIGER. BROOKLYN, April 14.

Imitative Violence.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Will M. M. " inform us what the Chartists gained by their militant methods? If women are to be defended on the ground that they are merely copying methods, what becomes the claim that they will improve con ditions when they get the ballot?

GEORGE B. MOREWOOD. NEW YORK, April 15.

Feminine Weapons. The bank of England "bomb" was found to b aded with powder and hairpins .- News ttem

A lovely woman, swift to learn If she but pays attention, As anybody may discern. Is gifted with invention.

She loves to use the thing at handflatiron is a hammer A fork, a corkscrew on demand A poker, just a rammer.

And since no man would dare refuse Those weapons women always use When arming for the slaughter: Behold her use the things with skill

Which custom has allowed her, By undertaking bombs to fill With hairpins and with powder. When she resorts to tricks like these John Bull's defeat is certain-Behold him trembling on his knees! Nay, let us drop the curtain!

CLAIMS UPHELD Within Rights in Publishing Account of South Pole

"TIMES" LOSES SUIT

ON NEWS COPYRIGHT

Had Failed to Comply With

Law on Amundsen's

Story.

Discovery.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals decided yesterday that a newspaper cannot make use of the copyright laws in seeking to prevent another newspaper from publishing information alleged to be exclusive to the former unless the newspaper claiming to have the copyright has filed two copies the article in question in book form with the registrar of copyrights at Washington before bringing the action

The higher court accordingly sustains the decision of District Judge Lacombe in dismissing the complaint in by the New York Times against Tue Sun and other newspapers to restrain them from publishing accounts of Capt. Amundsen's discovery of the South Pole on the ground that the Times had obtained the exclusive newspaper rights to Capt. Amundsen's story through an arrangement with the United Newspapers, Ltd.

The Times got an injunction before it had received Capt. Amundsen's story. When the motion to continue the injunction was heard interest in the Amundsen story had ceased. James M. Beck and Charles K. Carpenter, counsel for THE SUN, argued that THE SUN Version of the discovery was neither in fact nor colorably a violation of the Times's alleged copyright; that the Overtaxa- turely, because its copyright had not yet been obtained, and that there was no reason for granting an injunction to restrain THE SUN from printing a story which had ceased to be news. Judge Lacombe upheld the contention and later sustained a demurrer by American in a similar suit by the Times.

"The subject of statutory copyright beaction or proceedings, and if the prohibiwas served the latter would be void be cause made in an action which could not be maintained and of which therefore the

Judge Lacombe then gave judgment for THE SUN on his decision in the Amerimaintaining an action and accordingly the suit was brought prematurely

Section 12 of the copyright law provides that after copyright has been se city to heavy or heavier taxes upon copyright office promptly or mailed to the registrar of copyrights. The law says further:

The complainant sought to evade the provisions of the law by a contention that its suit was not one for infringe. ment, but was brought in equity for an injunction. Counsel for THE SUN con tended that the record of the case does not sustain the argument, because the bill of complaint demands an accounting of all profits received by THE SUN

from the publication in question. Counsel for the defendant made the second point that the contracts for the Amundsen story gave the complainant only the newspaper rights and it had as a book. The third point made was that the bill of complaint failed to state sentative of American citizens of German any facts tending to show any act of birth, by the German chairman: "Who the threatened act to warrant an injunc-We finally received permission to place the defendant had published a cableit in the Concourse of The Bronx, where it gram announcing briefly the fact of the discovery of the pole by Capt. Amund-

The Circuit Court of Appeals sus tained the dismissal of the complaint on the first point raised. Judge Coxe. writing the opinion, in which Judges Ward and Noyes concurred, quoted the prohibition in section 12 of the copyright law and said:

"The last paragraph would seem to be a plain prohibition against the maintenance of an action or proceeding for fringement until the copies are deposited in the copyright office or in an equity action for an injunction and the statute contemplates, it is difficult t erceive what the lawmakers had in minsuch an action as this, otherwise the lan guage is meaningless. corned here with the wisdom or needs to ring a special privilege upon authors and limit that privilege in any manna it

saw fit. "In order to secure a valid copyright or a valid patent it is necessary or a valid patent it is necessary to com-ply with every requirement of the law, and a discussion of the wisdom or unwisdom of such requirement is wholly irrelevant.

The Consumer Gets It.

TOTREEDITOROFTHE SUN-Sir: In my article in last Sunday's Sun on the flourishing sugar adustry of Cuba I quoted Manuel Rionda as saying that the beneat of the low prices obtained for Cuban raw sugar under the regrettable pressure to sell as fast as it was made went to the merican refiners. Although the refiners are the buyers, it seems that the benefit of the low prices does not remain with them under the fierce tion now prevailing, but actually pe on to the consumer. Mr. Rionda writes to me

"The refined product declines in the same ratio as the raw article and there is never any greater difference between the price of 96 degree entrifugals and granulated than .85 cent to 80 cent, which includes .65 cent cost of refining, he balance being refiner's profit. At this par ticular moment, with Cuban sugars selling at cents, if you add 1.85 cents duty we have 3.35 cents and .85 cent for reining, 4 cents. Granulated has been selling at 4.10 cents and it follows therefore that it is the American consumer who derives the benefit from these low prices of Cuban sugars. As this has been one of the things that have been contending for time and time again should feel very glad if you would rectify the

conveyed. etting that I did not duly pass the bene on to the consumer, and wishing him and to more of it.

JOSEPH I. C. CLARKE GEORGE B. MOREWOOD. NEW YORE, April 15.